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## Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted with appreciation the report on the 33rd meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),[1] held in Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe, from 5 to 9 February 2018.

2. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Sao Tome and Principe for hosting the meeting.

3. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the LEG and the secretariat for their work in supporting the least developed countries (LDCs). It welcomed the two-year rolling work programme of the LEG for 2018–2019,[2] and encouraged the LEG to prioritize its work taking into account the availability of resources.

4. The SBI welcomed the work of the LEG in preparing the recommendations[3] on updating the LDC work programme.

5. The SBI invited Parties and relevant organizations, including bilateral and multilateral organizations, to continue to provide resources in support of the implementation of the LEG work programme.

6. The SBI noted that, as at 30 April 2018, total Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) funding approved during the Global Environment Facility (GEF) fiscal year 2018 amounted to USD 48 million, and that cumulative funding approvals since the establishment of the LDCF amounted to USD 1.2 billion.

7. The SBI also noted that, as at 30 April 2018, 21 project proposals for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action submitted by the LDCs, accounting for a total of USD 156 million, had been technically cleared by the GEF secretariat and were awaiting allocation of resources from the LDCF.

8. The SBI noted with appreciation the continued collaboration of the LEG with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) secretariat on providing technical guidance and advice to the

[1] FCCC/SBI/2018/4.

[2] Contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBI/2018/4. In accordance with decision 6/CP.16, paragraph 3, the LEG prepares a two-year rolling work programme for consideration by the SBI at its first sessional meeting of each year.

[3] See document FCCC/SBI/2018/4, paragraphs 62–66.

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LDCs on accessing funding from the GCF for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs).

9. The SBI noted that six proposals from the LDCs for the formulation of NAPs had been approved by the GCF secretariat as at 1 May 2018.

10. The SBI requested the LEG to consider the elements contained in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, including, inter alia, the needs[4] related to adaptation arising from the Paris Agreement and the relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-first session, that could be addressed under the LEG work programme in developing its future work programmes, as appropriate.

11. The SBI welcomed the information[5] submitted by Parties for use by the LEG in considering the need to update the LDC work programme and in making recommendations for consideration at this session, pursuant to decision 19/CP.21, paragraph 3.

12. The SBI noted the report[6] on provisions on support and flexibility for the LDCs and the assistance thereof to a smooth transition from LDC status.

13. The SBI agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at SBI 50 (June 2019), taking into account, inter alia, the report referred to in paragraph 12 above and the report of the GEF to COP 24, with a view to making recommendations for consideration at COP 25 (November 2019).

14. The SBI continued its consideration of the work of the LEG, together with the Adaptation Committee, in response to decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 41 and 45. The SBI took note of the conclusions under its agenda item 11 as they relate to the outcome of the joint meetings with regard to this work.

15. The SBI recommended a draft decision on the LDC work programme for consideration and adoption at COP 24 (December 2018) (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBI/2018/L.17/Add.1).

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[4] See document FCCC/SBI/2018/4, paragraphs 50–52.

[5] Submissions from Ethiopia on behalf of the LDCs and from Bulgaria on behalf of the European Union and its member States, available at https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

[6] FCCC/SBI/2018/8.